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Delaware County Launches Website-Redesign Project

DELAWARE, Ohio — Delaware County's Board of Commissioners today approved a contract with New Albany-based web designer Buckeye Interactive to guide the County's website-redesign project. Costs are not to exceed \$90,000 for work that has been identified in the project's scope, with an additional cap of \$35,000 included for any extra work identified later in the process.

"This will be a very extensive and complex project," said Jane Hawes, communications manager for the Commissioners, who is serving as project manager, "but, because of the enthusiastic response we have received from all branches of our county government, we have a rare opportunity to overhaul the entire site and really bring it up to today's standards."

The biggest change that the redesign will yield, said Hawes, is a website that will "scale" to fit different size screens.

"We know that a rapidly growing percentage of our users are accessing our website on mobile devices like iPhones or tablets," Hawes said, "but most parts of our website don't shrink to fit the screens on those devices. It's currently designed just for desktop-computer monitors and we know that has to change if we're going to improve our ability to serve Delaware County residents and business owners."

Buckeye Interactive was selected from a field of 13 companies that bid for the project. Founded in 2009, the company has extensive experience with other civic organizations, including the City of Powell, the City of New Albany, Columbus Metropolitan Library and the Village of Obetz.

"They clearly understood how government organizations work," Hawes said. "That was critical in making our selection. They also, quite frankly, had the longest time estimate for completion — seven months — and we felt that showed they had really done their homework and understood just how complex this project will be."

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